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SUMMARY: THE SOVIET UNION HAS FORWARDED A PROPOSAL TO THE
INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION SPRING MEETING CONDEMNING THE
"NEUTRON BOMB." END SUMMARY.

1. THE IPU SECRETARIAT HELD A MARCH 23 PRESS CONFERENCE
IN LISBON AT WHICH THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION TOPICS WERE
ANNOUNCED FOR THE IPU SPRING MEETING:
--THE ARMS RACE AND THE NEED TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
--THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN THE STUDY OF THE FORCES AND
MEANS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.
--THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST PRICES FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS
FURNISHED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
--THE INCREASE IN ILLITERACY AS A THREAT TO WORLD
DEVELOPMENT AND A BASIC CAUSE OF POVERTY, STARVATION,
SICKNESS, AND HUMAN MISERY.
--THE CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM
IN THE WORLD.

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2. IPU SECRETARY-GENERAL CARLOS PIO TERENCE, WHO PRESIDED
OVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT:
--RUMANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS ON
DISARMAMENT. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL CONDEMNS THE PRODUCTION
OF WEAPONS FOR SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION, SPECIFICALLY THE
"NEUTRON BOMB."

--THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON CHILE WOULD BE DEBATED;
--THE VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
IN BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, CHILE, KENYA, INDONESIA,
SINGAPORE, AND BAHRAIN WILL BE TAKEN UP;
--THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF
THE ISRAELI INVASION OF LEBANON.
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